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TAGS: CASC: (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)

SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF: A) SAN SALVADOR 0115; B) 81 SAN SALVADOR 9460

1. COPY OF LETTER MENTIONED REFTELS RECEIVED FROM POST LAST WEEK. LETTER HAS BEEN TRANSLATED AND COPY OF ORIGINAL PLUS TRANSLATION SENT TO SULLIVAN FAMILY. FROM RECENT INQUIRIES WE HAVE RECEIVED, APPEARS SULLIVAN FAMILY IS MAKING AT LEAST PORTION OF LETTER AVAILABLE TO PRESS IN AN EFFORT TO DRAW MEDIA ATTENTION AND PRESUMABLY COMBAT WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS CASE.

2. DEPT IS PRESENTLY HAVING THIS LETTER AND LETTER OF 9/25/81 (COPY FORWARDED TO EMBASSY PER OH 10/20/81), ANALYZED IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE BOTH WRITTEN BY THE SAME PERSON. OUR INITIAL OBSERVATIONS INDICATE THAT THEY WERE.

3. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SULLIVAN FAMILY APPRISED OF OUR ACTIONS IN THIS CASE AS WELL AS TO ANSWER A NEW LOAD OF PRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSIES RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING ASAP:

A) HAS POST ATTEMPTED TO VERIFY POSSIBLE DUMPING OF SULLIVAN BODY MENTIONED IN THE LETTER? IS SUCH VERIFICATION POSSIBLE? IF NOT, BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY VERIFICATION NOT POSSIBLE.

B) IS POST ABLE TO IDENTIFY QUOTE CELLS OF THE POLICIA DE HACIENDA UNQUOTE?

C) WHAT IS THE POST ANALYSIS OF GOES REACTION TO, AND PROBABLE SUCCESS OF, AN APPROACH AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL INDICATING THAT AS A RESULT OF THE NEWSPAPER ADS WE HAVE RECEIVED A TIP REGARDING SULLIVAN'S DISAPPEARANCE WHICH INVOLVES WRITING IN ENGLISH IN THE CELLS ON THE WALLS IN THE POLICIA DE HACIENDA AND WOULD LIKE A CHANCE TO EXAMINE THESE CELLS?

D) DEPT NOTES THAT THE WRITER OF THE SECOND LETTER PROVIDED NO MEANS OF CONTACT. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR POST TO DEVELOP A REASONABLE SCENARIO THAT WOULD MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR AGENT MARTINEZ, IF HE EXISTS, TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY OR EMBASSY OFFICERS?

E) IS THERE ANY DISCRETE WAY OF VERFYING WHETHER PEDRO MARTINEZ IS IN FACT AT THE POLICIA DE HACIENDO?

F. WE UNDERSTAND WOMAN CALLER RESPONDED TO AD. PLS PROVIDE FULL DETAILS OF TELCON WITH WOMAN SO THAT WE MAY

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